

AMENDMENT VOTED DOWN

Insurgents Lose Out in Primary Bill Contention.

NUMBER ARE ABSENT

Allen Proposes Change Which is Also Lost 69 to 68.

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—(To The Argus).—The shameful use of the gavel almost caused a riot in the house this afternoon. Shanahan in the chair, denied us a roll call on a motion to add direct primaries in county officers to the Springfield bill. For 15 minutes members were on their feet, Representative Coleman throwing a book at the speaker. Finally the speaker yielded and the motion was lost 69 to 68. The Dailey-Magill bill was lost 72 to 65, and the house adjourned at 2:30 this afternoon.

L. M. MAGILL.

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—(Special).—Owing to 10 democrats being absent and three of the insurgent republicans, Haines of Winnebago, Gillespie of Carroll and Taggart of Stephenson deserting to the regulars, the Dailey amendment to the Trautmann-Shurtliff bill was defeated in the house by a vote of 65 to 71. All three members from the Thirty-third district remained firm with the insurgents.

Those absent were: Arrand, Craig, Loskonski, Mundy, Sullivan, Walsh, and Wilson of Cook, and Geckman, Gibson and McDonough, democrats, and McNichols, Montgomery, Pederson and Smetzel, all republicans. Linden, democrat, was present, but did not vote. On motion of Speaker Shurtliff, Shanahan being in the chair, a recess was taken for 10 minutes and the democrats caucused and decided to stand for a direct primary law.

Put Bill on Passage.

On reconvening Shurtliff stated the recess had been taken in the hopes that the republicans and democrats might appoint committees to meet and decide upon amendments and that as the democrats had decided to stand for a direct primary, he moved that the Trautmann-Shurtliff bill be put on its passage. Allen, of Vermilion offered an amendment providing for the nomination of county candidates by direct vote, the men receiving the highest vote being declared the nominee.

A motion was made to table this amendment and Shanahan declared the motion lost on a viva voce vote, but finally yielded to demands for a roll call. The motion to table carried by 69 to 68. The house then took a recess at 2:30 p. m. Brady, Gillespie of Carroll, and Kerriek, republicans, who had voted against the Dailey bill voted in favor of tabling Allen's amendment, while McGuire, who had voted against the Dailey bill voted against tabling the Allen amendment.

ANOTHER FROST ANNOUNCED

Serious Situation Facing Fruit and Vegetable Raisers.

Frost is on the bill again for tonight and it seems that only wind or clouds can prevent it. The announcement is regarded with considerable concern by fruit and vegetable men. While the frost of Monday morning did comparatively little harm because of the dryness of the atmosphere, a freeze of equal intensity tonight after last night's rain will be exceedingly serious.

SURVEYING A NEW LINE

Engineer Going Over Route of Proposed Davenport-Muscatine Interurban.

J. E. Bradford of Muscatine this morning started out of Davenport with a surveying gang to run the route for a new interurban proposed between Davenport and Muscatine. He will follow the Schuetzen park line and go west to Blue Grass and run thence to Pleasant Mills and Sweetland, finally reaching Muscatine.

EXTRADITION TO BE ASKED FOR GORKY?

Russian Government Said to Have Filed Additional Charges Against Writer Now Here.

Moscow, May 8.—In addition to the accusation against Maxim Gorky of engaging in political propaganda, the procurator has charged him with participation in the December uprising here and it is rumored his extradition from the United States will be asked for.

AGAINST CENTRAL

Attorney General Stead Gives Opinion on Taxation of Illinois Road

ON SUPREME COURT RULING

Company Has No Right to Make Deductions and Must Pay on Stock and Bonds.

Springfield, Ill., May 8.—According to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Stead to the auditor of public accounts in answer to an inquiry from the auditor as to how he should value the property of the Illinois Central for taxation, the company must pay taxes on \$80,000,000 stock and \$25,000,000 bonds, on which the company has claimed exemption on the grounds that stocks are debits and should be deducted from the credits of the road.

Based on Decision.

The opinion is based on a decision of the supreme court, in which it was held that property and assets must be valued so as not to violate the constitutional provision that every person and corporation shall pay tax in proportion to the value of his or her property. The opinion holds the railroad company has a right to deduct all bona fide debits from its credits.

No Right to Deduct.

But it also holds a large number of bonds and stocks listed by the company, and which the company claimed were credits and against which it had a right to deduct its bona fide indebtedness are not such credits as are provided for in the revenue laws and that the company has no right to deduct any bona fide indebtedness from these credits represented by said stocks and bonds.

BELIEVE THE LAKE STRIKE NEAR END

Longshoremen's Officers Held by Vesselmen to Be Ignorant of Strength of Mate's Union.

Cleveland, May 8.—It has been practically settled that the dock managers will not attempt to replace striking longshoremen with outside help until President Keefe of the longshoremen's organization can complete his investigation of the mates' union. The vesselmen believe if Keefe ascertains the real facts in the case he will call the strike off as soon as a conference can be arranged. They say Keefe as well as the longshoremen, has been deceived as to the number of men in the mates' union.

RESUME CASTELLANE CASE

Noted Divorce Proceeding Temporarily Shelved by French Elections.

Paris, May 8.—The conclusion of the elections permitted the Castellane case to be taken up today for final inquiries as to the possibility of a reconciliation between the countess and Count Boni. This was considered a formality as the parties are not disposed to become reconciled. After the present proceedings the countess' revised bill will be filed and papers served. Lawyers expect in future proceedings will move briskly that the final decree will be rendered without contest.

Drill for Parade.

The naval reserves begin drilling tonight in preparation for the Memorial day parade, in which they will take part.

Lecture at Beth Israel.

Rabbi I. Idelson of Denver, Col., will lecture this evening at Beth Israel synagogue, Twenty-second street and Third avenue at 7:30.

EPITOME OF DOINGS IN CONGRESS YESTERDAY

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Following is a brief resume taken from the official records of yesterday's proceedings in both houses of congress:

SENATE.—The senate spent the most of its time considering the Foraker anti-pass and no-discrimination amendment to the rate bill. The discussion branched into the race issue in the southern states and after considerable debate the Foraker amendment was discarded and one offered by Mr. Culbertson, which is limited to the anti-pass feature, was adopted. The Elkins amendment prohibiting interstate railroads from engaging in the mining of coal or in business other than interstate commerce was debated at some length and will be disposed of today.

At 5:10 p. m. the senate went into executive session, and at 5:25 adjourned.

HOUSE.—It being Speaker Cannon's 60th birthday the house gave a splendid demonstration as he ascended to his seat. Under suspension of the rules 45 bills were passed, including the following: Authorizing the construction and maintenance of wharves, piers and other structures in Lake Michigan, adjoining certain lands in Lake county, Indiana; amending the internal revenue laws to provide for publicity of records; validating certain certificates of naturalization, issued principally in Chicago and St. Louis without complying with the immigration act of 1902; granting certain land in the state of Nevada to be used as a site for construction of a sanitarium for the treatment of consumptives. An order giving the pure food bill, the bill to restrict immigration and the bill providing a code of penal laws for the United States the same right as appropriation bills was adopted.

HAVE BEEN 24 QUAKES

Number of Shocks on Pacific Coast Since April 18.

MOST OF THEM LIGHT

Safety Deposit Vaults Opened and Found to be in Good Condition.

San Jose, May 8.—According to advices from Lick observatory there have been 24 earthquake shocks recorded on the seismograph at that institution since the morning of April 18. Most of the tremors were exceedingly light.

Safety Deposit Vaults Opened.

San Francisco, May 8.—Safety deposit boxes in several institutions were accessible yesterday. The vaults had performed their trust well. All the contents were found intact. Nothing was harmed.

The total amount of goods sent to the city railroad up to May 1 amounts to 2,200 carloads, according to Dr. Devine, head of the Red Cross work. "This represents a large amount of supplies," he said, "but nothing like the amount we will have to have."

Oakland Has None to Spare.

Oakland, Cal., May 8.—Estimates indicate there are 40,000 persons in this city who are dependent upon relief supplies for necessary food. The general food supply is limited but under the strict supervision of the army it is expected enough can be procured to meet immediate demands.

Relief Fund to Date.

San Francisco, May 8.—The finance committee reports the amount of relief subscriptions confirmed was \$1,406,248.

BIG COMPANY REORGANIZED

American School Furniture Concern Changes Its Name.

Racine, Wis., May 8.—It is officially announced here that the American School Furniture company has been reorganized, all bondholders surrendering their bonds and taking stock. Hereafter the company will be known as the American Seating company. The capital stock is \$10,000,000. They have 21 factories under control and 10 in operation.

Committed to Hospital.

Mary J. McKee of Moline, aged 47 years, was adjudged insane by a jury in county court today. Her mental condition is attributed to worry about her husband's death and business affairs.

JAMES R. DAY ARRAIGNS PRESIDENT AS ANARCHIST

Chancellor of Syracuse University Declares Property of Thousands of Americans is Placed in Danger by Attitude of Executive Toward Standard Oil and Other Corporations.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 8.—Characterizing the Standard Oil message of President Roosevelt as an "amazing blunder" and arraigning the acts of the executive as savoring of a dangerous form of anarchism, James R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse university, in a letter defends the Standard Oil company and expresses the belief that the people will not accept unproved charges even from the president.

Two Forms of Anarchy.

"There are two forms of anarchism," says Dr. Day. "The late practices of our president are of the more dangerous of these two forms. That form of anarchism for which William R. Hearst stands is harmless in comparison with that which takes on the form of our institutions and laws and does unlawful and unjust and tyrannical things officially. The first can do little because his cloven hoof is instantly seen wherever he steps. But anarchism clothed with official authority is covert, deceptive and perilous in the extreme."

"The press and the people who applaud it in the official form shudder at it as Hearstism. They shudder at the less evil. They applaud the only form of anarchism that really threatens our republic. Anarchism which, among anarchists, is comparatively harmless is not so when we adopt it into the administration of our government. The president of the United States has positively no right, constitutionally or morally, to attack corporate business or private business by name, or court judges who decide cases in opposition to his views."

Some "Amazing Blunders."

"There are regularly constituted

REOPEN MONDAY

Anthracite Mine Owners Post Notices of an Early Resumption of Work.

AGREEMENT FULLY RATIFIED

Miners Find Comfort in Fact That They Have at Least Been Recognized.

Scranton, Pa., May 8.—The convention of anthracite miners reassembled here today and unanimously ratified the action taken by its subcommittee in conference with the operators' committee in New York yesterday declaring operative the award of the coal strike commission of 1903. Today notices were posted by the Lackawanna, Delaware & Hudson, and Erie, Pennsylvania & Scranton coal companies, announcing the resumption of work next Monday.

Complete Agreement.

New York, May 8.—After carrying on negotiations for nearly three months, the sub-committees representing the anthracite mine workers and operators of eastern Pennsylvania yesterday afternoon agreed to continue the award of the strike commission for another three years and the men will return to work as soon as practicable, probably Monday. All miners who have not committed violence against persons or property will be re-employed, and no one will be discriminated against because of any activity he may have taken in the strike movement.

Subject to Ratification.

The agreement is subject to the ratification of the tri-district convention of the mine workers at Scranton today. This outcome of the dispute, which threatened to develop into a long, bitter struggle and paralyze a great industry, was looked upon with considerable satisfaction by the coal road presidents. The agreement entered into is their first proposition made early in March in reply to the mine workers' original demands.

First General Contract.

The miners had little to say regarding the agreement, except that it was the best they could get. They pointed out, however, that the agreement entered into is the first general agreement ever signed between operators and miners and they look upon it as a step forward in their efforts to have regular agreements with their employers.

FLOOD IN CHINA

Great Loss of Life Reported in Hoorian Province—Americans Safe.

Washington, May 8.—The state department today received the following cablegram from the American consul at Hankow, China: "Immense flood in Hoonan province. Great loss of life and property. All foreigners safe."

STIRS A NEW CONTENTION

Emperor Nicholas Proclaims the Fundamental Law.

St. Petersburg, May 8.—Danger of an early conflict between the government and parliament has been greatly increased by what has happened within the last 24 hours. The good impression produced by the official intimation of the new premier that the emperor and government were sincerely desirous of working in harmony with parliament, accepted in good faith by leader of the constitutional democrats, has largely been dissipated and in its place a feeling of mistrust has been revived.

Liberals Dumbfounded.

Liberals are utterly dumbfounded in view of the semi-official assurances on the subject, by the unexpected promulgation late last night of the obnoxious fundamental law in slightly modified form.

Another Victim.

Kieff, Russia, May 8.—General Count Alexis Havalich Ignatieff, formerly governor of Kieff, was assassinated here today.

Count Ignatieff was with General Trepoff, the instigator of a conspiracy to induce Emperor Nicholas to withdraw parliamentary reforms and return to the old path of absolutism. He was one of two sons of the famous first Count Ignatieff, who from a common soldier rose to be president of the committee of ministers, governor general of St. Petersburg, and founder of one of the richest families of Russia.

Plot in Domingo.

San Domingo, May 8.—It became known today that authorities Sunday discovered a plot to assassinate President Caceres as he was leaving a theater. Several arrests have been made.

Not Interested.

"I have no financial interest in the Standard Oil or the sugar combine, or in the great railways, but an intimate acquaintance with some of their managers and the methods of their business for 20 years, wickedly misrepresented again and again in 'muck-rake' magazines and the yellow press, forces me to the conviction that the president has been deceived and has done men as high-minded, as true, as he professes to be, a great injustice by his 'amazing blunder.'"

PLAINLY SUICIDE

Death of Charles L. Spier, Confidential Standard Oil Agent, Peculiar.

BULLET FROM OWN REVOLVER

Went Down Stairs Alone Giving the Impression There Were Burglars in House.

New York, May 8.—Police officials who have been investigating the mysterious death of Charles L. Spier, confidential agent of H. H. Rogers, who was found dead in his home at Staten Island yesterday reported today evidence indicated Spier had committed suicide.

Bullet From Own Revolver.

Spier left his bedroom at 3:15 yesterday morning, holding his loaded revolver in his right hand, having in his left hand the collar of his Boston bull terrier, Buster. He passed down the stairs, which were dark. A single revolver shot followed in the dining room. The bullet was from Spier's own revolver, and it passed through his heart. No indications of burglars were found later, except a collection of plated silver on the floor of the dining room beside the revolver and an open door to the piazza in a rear hallway.

Spier had just insured his life for \$75,000, and paid the last premiums on the two policies involved on Saturday morning last. Investigators are unable to decide whether it is a case of murder by a burglar, or accident or suicide.

Spier was 38 years old. With his wife, who was Miss Dorothy Williams of Bowling Green, Ky., he moved to Staten Island in July, 1902.

Told Wife He Heard Burglars.

Mrs. Spier was awakened by her husband knocking at her door, after which he entered her room, went to the bureau, took his revolver from the drawer, and said to his wife: "Kid, I think there are burglars in the house. I am going downstairs to see. Don't be afraid."

Mrs. Spier sat up in bed and said: "Call the dog."

Spier spoke to the dog, which sprang to his side, and they disappeared downstairs with Mr. Spier's left hand on the dog's collar. Mrs. Spier heard no more until she heard her husband shout:

"Sick 'em, Buster! Sick 'em Buster!"

After that all was still until Mrs. Spier heard a pistol shot.

FOR YEAR'S TAX

Library Board Takes Formal Steps of Certification to Council for \$10,000.

IMPROVE LIBRARY GROUNDS

Contracts Awarded for Exterior and Interior Work—Express Thanks for Various Gifts.

At the regular meeting of the library board last evening, a resolution was adopted requesting the certification of the building fund taxes to the city council. This is a formal resolution and procedure necessary in order that the council may take the steps to include the \$10,000 portion assigned to this year in the year's taxes. This certification has been made by the president and secretary of the board.

The library grounds are to be improved by the construction of concrete work around the additional lot given to the city, to make it conform to the old lot. This work is to be done by S. Nelson, the contractor being for \$150. The board last evening made provision on the recommendation of the building committee, for additional shelving for the reference room of the library, a contract being awarded the Art Metal Construction company for \$234. Contracts were let for the planting of trees and shrubbery in the library grounds. The book committee presented a list of books, which the board ordered purchased.

Gifts of Books.

Resolutions of thanks were adopted, for the gift of 30 volumes of the "Living Age," presented by Mrs. L. M. Havestick; 20 volumes of miscellaneous works given by Mrs. R. R. Cable, and the second volume of biographies of American lumbermen donated by the publishers of the American Lumberman. The gift of Mrs. Havestick completes the set of this valuable magazine.

Report for Month.

The following report of the librarian was received:

	Circulation.
General works	248
Philosophy	21
Religion	32
Sociology	132
Science	87
Useful arts	43
Fine arts	36

ARRIVE AT A COMPROMISE

Senators Get Together On The Rate Bill.

CONFERENCES ARE HELD

Six Points Governing Court Review Are Definitely Cleared.

Washington, May 8.—Conferences in the senate yesterday which resulted in positive agreements on six propositions to be incorporated in the Allison amendment to the railroad rate bill were ratified today by additional conferences of senate leaders representing all republican factions. That there could be no further misunderstanding this data for the basis of an agreement was prepared and exchanged.

"The Allison amendment is to comprise six propositions: First, the words, 'fairly remunerative' in section 4 of the bill, is to be stricken out; second, the words 'in its judgment' in the same section are to be retained; third, jurisdiction is vested in the United States circuit courts to hear and determine suits against the commission; fourth, no preliminary injunction or interlocutory order is to be granted without hearing and notice; fifth, application for a preliminary injunction or interlocutory decree is to be heard by three judges; sixth, direct appeal from the interlocutory order or decree is to lie only to the supreme court of the United States."

Discusses Elkins Amendment.

Washington, May 8.—Discussion of the Elkins amendment to the railroad rate bill was resumed in the senate today. This amendment proposes to prevent interstate carriers from owning and operating coal mines or dealing in commodities which they transport.

Presents Allison Amendments.

Washington, May 8.—Senator Culmon today presented the Allison amendments to the railroad rate bill. They will be printed and lie over until they are reached in the regular order.

Bills Passed.

Washington, May 8.—The following bills have passed the house: To amend the international revenue laws to provide for publicity of its records; providing for the allotment and distribution of Indian tribal funds; to withhold from sale the portion of Fort Brady military reservation in Sanilac, Ste. Marie, Michigan; transferring Clinton county, Iowa, to the southern judicial district of that state.

General literature	150
Juvenile literature	1,146
Fiction	1,176
Travel	159
History	282
Total	4,100
Reference	1,620
Grand total	5,720
Financial statement: Received from fines, \$9.20.	

Bills Are Allowed.

The following bills for the month were allowed and ordered paid:	
A. C. McElroy & Co.	\$ 14.21
Peoples Power company	64.65
Lorch & Greve	4.30
Channon & Duff	4.10
Library Bureau	21.30
Empire Coal & Coke company	17.10
John Bartleson	.44
Records of the past	9.00
Publishers' Weekly	4.13
Union Ice & Coal company	5.25
Owatonna Flour & Feed company	1.00
Kramer & Co.	9.25
Rock Island Hardware company	4.75
Expenses	3.80
J. P. Grentz	7.87
Salaries	200.00

SUNK HIS TEETH IN THROAT AND HELD ON

Peculiar Murder of Official of Tripoli By an Exiled Native Leader.

Constantinople, May 8.—Nedjim Edidin Bey, procurator general of the village of Tripoli, North Africa, has been murdered by Ali Shamyli Passa, former military governor of Scutari, Shamyli, who was recently exiled to Tripoli on the charge of being concerned in the murder of Redvan Passa at Constantinople, was undergoing examination, when he suddenly rushed upon the procurator general, fixed his teeth in his throat, and held on like a bull dog until his victim was throttled to death.